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BLM's Resource Advisory Council to Meet July 11

BUTTE (June 28, 2005) – The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council for the Bureau of Land Management is scheduled to meet July 11 in Butte starting at 9:00 am. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont.

Primary topics for this meeting are: a briefing on the Community Wildfire Protection Plans, election of officers, an update on the new grazing regulations, and a briefing on the status of the Butte Field Office Travel Management Plan. The public comment period is scheduled for 11:30 am.

Interested parties may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make comments, a per-person time limit may be established.

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of issues associated with public land management. The 15-member Council includes individuals who have expertise or education in the planning and management of public lands and resources. Members for the Western Montana Council include: Roger Peters and Sue Marxer - Dillon, Robin McCulloch - Butte, Donna McDonald - Alder, Garry Williams - Helena, Ben Deeble - Missoula, Richard Young, Dennis Phillippi, Joyceann Thompson, and Pat Flowers - Bozeman, Robin Cunningham - Gallatin Gateway, Ted Coffman - Ennis, and Dan Lucas, Philipsburg.